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1. During the month of August, leading Soviet circles headed by Vice-Consul U.S. Ananiev have progressed extensively in the matter of unifying and establishing complete control of the local Soviet colony. Since March 1946, the Soviets in Shanghai have been trying to enroll all local Soviet nationals and emigrants. [redacted] about 75 percent have been enrolled, [in the "Brigades"] ?, see paragraph 2.]

2. To facilitate liaison and administration, each of the local Soviets has been assigned to one of twelve professional unions or to the "Brigades", of which the number has grown since last March from fifteen to two hundred within the twenty-seven local Soviet organizations. Since each "Brigade" is made up of forty members, there are some 8000 Shanghailanders under direct control and supervision of the Soviet Government. The major purpose of the organization will be that of political and military education.

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4. A major problem confronting the Soviet community at this time is that of unemployment. Now that many of the U.S. Army installations have closed, the Soviets who worked in various capacities for the U.S. Army are without work. At present there are about 2,500 unemployed citizens of the USSR in Shanghai and the Soviet community pleads an inability to support them. The following measures have been or will be undertaken:

a. The Shanghai Trade Association of Citizens of the USSR has been instructed by the Consulate General of Shanghai to utilize, to the utmost, unemployed Soviet citizens.

b. Through the Association of Citizens and under the leadership of Mr. M.V. Maslov, Soviet social-welfare worker, the "Department of Social Help" has been organized.

c. A mass repatriation is planned; this has now started. Priority is being given to youths, then to professional men and specialists. Because of congested living conditions in Vladivostok, this program of repatriation is not going as well as was desired and it has created a rather tense situation among the older boys.

d. Five thousand [?] persons were to be sent to Manchuria to work on the Chinese Changchun Railway but were being held up because of political conditions in North China and Manchuria.

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5. During August, political education of the Soviet population has progressed in the "Brigade" organization under the direction of the Special Commission of the Association of Citizens of the USSR, headed by N.F. Svetlov. Particular attention is given to "Chinese Nationalism vs Chinese Communism" with most of the Soviets sympathizing with the Yenan group. Strong anti-American and anti-British reaction has also been increasing [among the Soviet population].

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